

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**  
**Florence School District**  
**Accountability Review - Focus Monitoring Report 2007-2008**

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**Dates of On Site Visit:** January 16, 2008

**Date of Report:** February 4, 2008

3 month update due: May 4, 2008

6 month update due: August 4, 2008

9 month update due: November 4, 2008

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**Program monitoring and evaluation.**

In conjunction with its general supervisory responsibility under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B, Special Education Programs (SEP) of the Office of Educational Services and Support shall monitor agencies, institutions, and organizations responsible for carrying out special education programs in the state, including any obligations imposed on those agencies, institutions, and organizations. The department shall ensure:

- (1) That the requirements of this article are carried out;
- (2) That each educational program for children with disabilities administered within the state, including each program administered by any other state or local agency, but not including elementary schools and secondary schools for Indian children operated or funded by the Secretary of the Interior:
  - (a) Is under the general supervision of the persons responsible for educational programs for children with disabilities in the department; and
  - (b) Meets the educational standards of the state education agency, including the requirements of this article; and
- (3) In carrying out this article with respect to homeless children, the requirements of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended to January 1, 2007, are met. (Reference- ARSD 24:05:20:18.)

**State monitoring--Quantifiable indicators and priority areas.**

The department shall monitor school districts using quantifiable indicators in each of the following priority areas, and using such qualitative indicators as are needed to adequately measure performance in those areas:

- (1) Provision of Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment;
- (2) Department exercise of general supervision, including child find, effective monitoring, the use of resolution meetings, mediation, and a system of transition services as defined in this article and article 24:14; and
- (3) Disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services, to the extent the representation is the result of inappropriate identification. (Reference-ARSD 24:05:20:18:02.)

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**State enforcement -- Determinations.**

On an annual basis, based on local district performance data, information obtained through monitoring visits, and other information available, the department shall determine whether each school district meets the requirements and purposes of Part B of the IDEA...

Based upon the information obtained through monitoring visits, and any other public information made available, Special Education Programs of the Office of Educational Services and Support determines if the agency, institution, or organization responsible for carrying out special education programs in the state:

- Meets the requirements and purposes of Part B of the Act;
- Needs assistance in implementing the requirements of Part B of the Act'
- Needs intervention in implementing the requirements of Part B of the Act; or
- Needs substantial intervention in implementing the requirements of Part B of the Act. (Reference-ARSD 24:05:20:23.04.)

**Deficiency correction procedures.**

The department shall require local education agencies to correct deficiencies in program operations that are identified through monitoring as soon as possible, but not later than one year from written identification of the deficiency. The department shall order agencies to take corrective actions and to submit a plan for achieving and documenting full compliance. (Reference-ARAD 24:05:20:20.)

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### **1. FAPE in the LRE – Performance Indicator**

**State Performance Plan - Indicator 3:** Participation and performance of children with disabilities on statewide assessments.

1. Percent of districts meeting State's AYP objectives for progress for disability subgroup.
2. Participation rate for children with IEPs in a regular assessment with not accommodations; regular assessment with accommodations; alternate assessment against grad level standards; alternate assessment against alternate achievement standards.
3. Proficiency rate for children with IEPs against grade level standards and alternate achievement standards.

**Annual Performance Report Activity** – Conduct an accommodation study to verify IEP teams are providing instructional accommodations if they are also providing those accommodation on statewide assessments.

**Follow-up date: January 15, 2008**

#### **Finding:**

Through a review of 8 student files, data gathered by the review team indicated the following:

1. The accommodations/modifications were appropriate for the skill areas affected by the disability in 5 of the 8 files reviewed.
2. The accommodations/modification provided for State/District wide assessments were provided in the student's instructional program in 1 of the 8 files reviewed.
3. The accommodations identified in the IEPs for State/District wide assessment were used during the assessment administration in 8 of 8 files reviewed.

#### **Corrective Action:**

<b>Corrective Action:</b> Document the specific activities and procedures that will be implemented and the data/criteria that will be used to verify compliance.	<b>Timeline for Completion</b>	<b>Person(s) Responsible</b>	<b>(SEP Use Only) Date Met</b>
<b>Activity/Procedure:</b>  1. The district will review current policy/procedure to determine why discrepancies are occurring.  2. Develop a process that will allow for the appropriate documentation and provision of accommodations for state/district assessments.  3. Train IEP staff and testing coordinator in the procedures/process.  4. Implement procedures and collect data to verify accommodation are appropriately documented and provided during state/district assessments.  5. Analyze data collected to determine if procedures corrected discrepancy. Repeat steps 1 through 5 if discrepancies continue.	  Activity # 1&2 Within 1 week of receiving report   Activity #3 By February 15, 2008   Activity #4 By 6 month progress report due date.   Activity #5 By 6 month progress report due date.	  District Administration & District Staff	

<p><b>Progress Report data to be submitted to SEP:</b></p> <p>1. Written description of the districts review process to identify why the discrepancies are occurring.</p> <p>2. Written description of the process the district will implement to correct the discrepancies.</p> <p>3. Training documentation to include the date staff training occurred, name of individual who provided the training and sign-in sheet with the name of all participants/position titles, who attended the training.</p> <p>4. Following the 2008 assessment window, the district will review 3 student IEPs from <b>each</b> grade level taking the Dakota Step. The district will use the attached chart to document accommodation information for each of the student files reviewed. A summary of the data results will be submitted to SEP.</p>			
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**3 month Progress Report:**  
**6 month Progress Report:**  
**9 month Progress Report:**

## Spot Checks

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Disability \_\_\_\_\_

Skill Area:	Skill Area:	Skill Area:	Skill Area:	Skill Area:
Daily Mod./Acc.	Daily Mod./Acc.	Daily Mod./Acc.	Daily Mod./Acc.	Daily Mod./Acc.
S/D Assess Acc. As per IEP	S/D Assess Acc. As per IEP	S/D Assess Acc. . As per IEP	S/D Assess Acc. . As per IEP	S/D Assess Acc. . As per IEP
Accommodations used during S/D Assessment	Accommodations used during S/D Assessment	Accommodations used during S/D Assessment	Accommodations used during S/D Assessment	Accommodations used during S/D Assessment

1. Accommodations appropriate for Disability? Yes No
  2. Accommodations used during State testing were used in student's instructional program? Yes No
  3. Accommodations listed on IEP for state testing were actually used. Yes No
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S/D Assess Acc. As per IEP	S/D Assess Acc. as per IEP	S/D Assess Acc. . As per IEP	S/D Assess Acc. . As per IEP	S/D Assess Acc. . As per IEP
Accommodations used during S/Assessment	Accommodations used during S/Assessment	Accommodations used during S/Assessment	Accommodations used during S/Assessment	Accommodations used during S/Assessment

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